

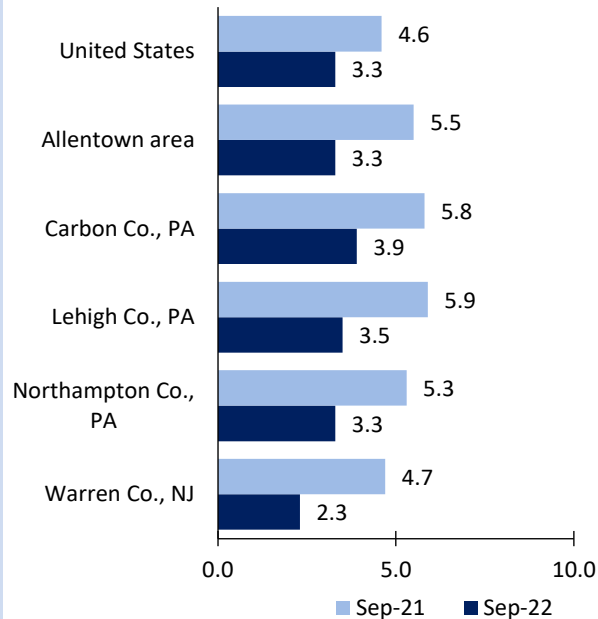
Allentown area Economic Summary

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This summary presents a sampling of economic information for the area; supplemental data are provided for regions and the nation. Subjects include **unemployment, employment, wages, prices, spending, and benefits**. All data are not seasonally adjusted and some may be subject to revision. Area definitions may differ by subject. For more area summaries and geographic definitions, see www.bls.gov/regions/economic-summaries.htm.

Unemployment rates for the nation and selected areas

Unemployment rates

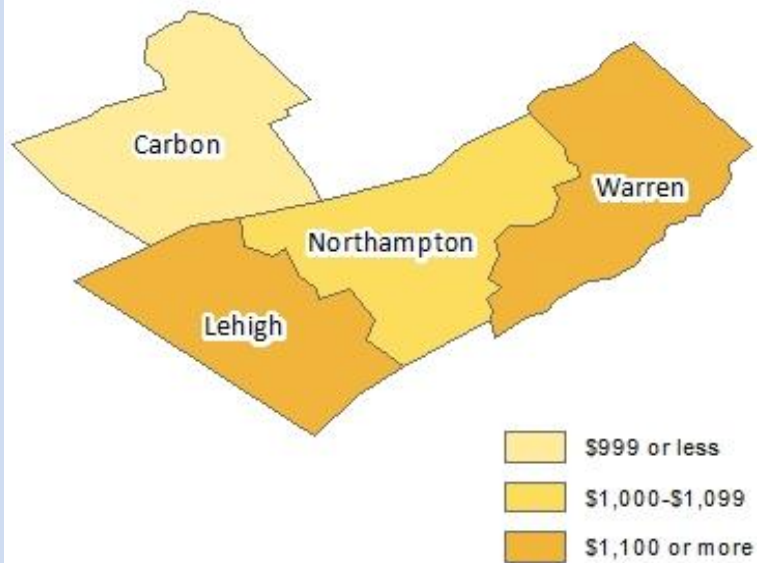


Source: U.S. BLS, Local Area Unemployment Statistics.

Average weekly wages for all industries by county

Allentown area, first quarter 2022

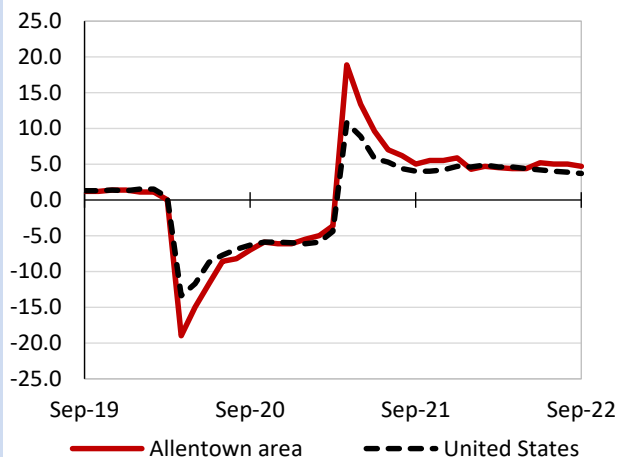
(U.S. = \$1,374; Area = \$1,140)



Source: U.S. BLS, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages.

Over-the-year changes in employment on nonfarm payrolls and employment by major industry sector

12-month percent changes in employment



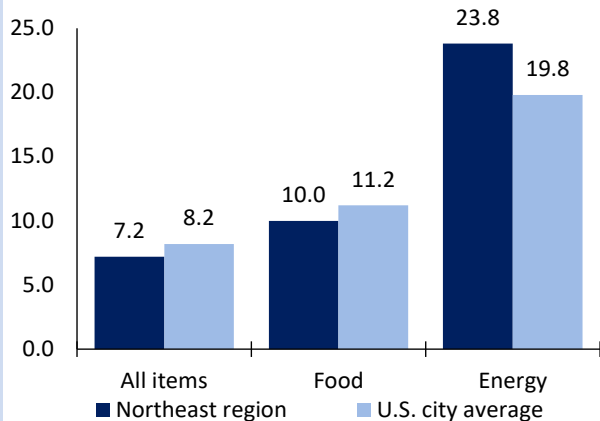
Source: U.S. BLS, Current Employment Statistics.

Allentown area employment (number in thousands)	Sep. 2022	Change from Sep. 2021 to Sep. 2022	
		Number	Percent
Total nonfarm	390.3	17.4	4.7
Mining, logging, and construction	14.8	0.7	5.0
Manufacturing	41.5	2.0	5.1
Trade, transportation, and utilities	94.5	5.1	5.7
Information	5.7	-0.1	-1.7
Financial activities	14.1	0.7	5.2
Professional and business services	51.3	1.6	3.2
Education and health services	75.5	-0.5	-0.7
Leisure and hospitality	39.9	7.0	21.3
Other services	14.0	0.3	2.2
Government	39.0	0.6	1.6

Source: U.S. BLS, Current Employment Statistics.

Over-the-year change in the prices paid by urban consumers for selected categories

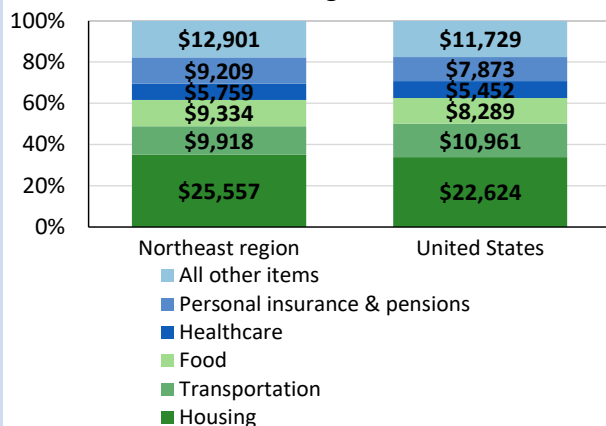
12-month percent change in CPI-U, September 2022



Source: U.S. BLS, Consumer Price Index.

Average annual spending and percent distribution for selected categories

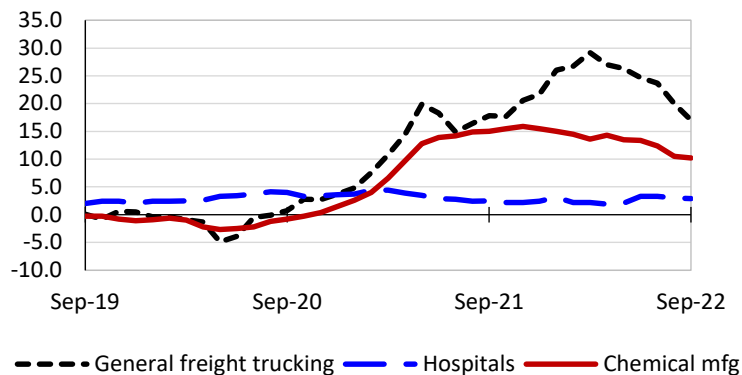
Average annual expenditures, United States and Northeast region, 2021



Source: U.S. BLS, Consumer Expenditure Survey.

Over-the-year changes in the selling prices received by producers for selected industries nationwide

12-month percent changes in PPI



Source: U.S. BLS, Producer Price Index.

Average hourly wages for selected occupations

Occupation	Allentown area	United States
All occupations	\$25.74	\$28.01
Registered nurses	36.64	39.78
Office clerks, general	19.56	18.75
Customer service representatives	18.12	18.79
Retail salespersons	14.90	15.35
Waiters and waitresses	13.33	13.95
Childcare workers	12.48	13.31

Source: U.S. BLS, Occupational Employment and Wage Statistics, May 2021.

Employer costs per hour worked for wages and selected employee benefits by geographic division

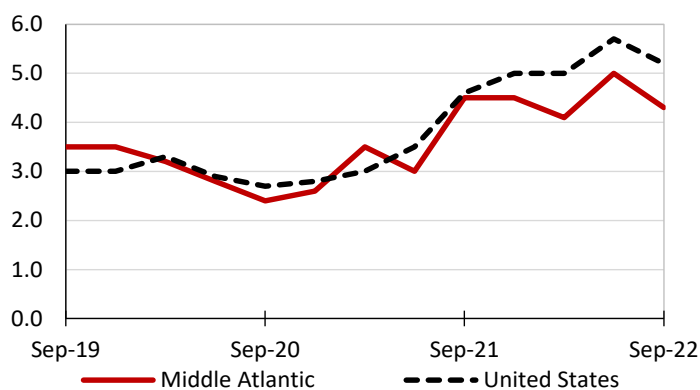
Private industry, June 2022	Middle Atlantic	United States
Total compensation	\$43.14	\$38.91
Wages and salaries	29.79	27.44
Total benefits	13.36	11.47
Paid leave	3.33	2.87
Vacation	1.68	1.47
Supplemental pay	1.53	1.37
Insurance	3.49	2.96
Retirement and savings	1.66	1.33
Legally required benefits	3.34	2.93

(1) The states that compose the Middle Atlantic census division are: NJ, NY, and PA.

Source: U.S. BLS, Employer Costs for Employee Compensation.

Over-the-year changes in wages and salaries

12-month percent changes in ECI



Source: U.S. BLS, Employment Cost Index.